

# 106 employees at different levels promoted in JPDCL, 49 DRWs regularised: MD JPDCL

‘Committed to resolve all employees’ issues’

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Managing Director, JPDCL on Saturday said that 106 employees to JPDCL whose promotion has been long pending and was already approved vide 79th Divisional Level Departmental Promotion Committee meeting held on 09-02-2021 have been promoted and adjusted

today. He said that JPDCL is committed to resolve all the issues of the employees and all steps are being taken to sort out the genuine grievances of the Power employees. Giving the details of the promoted employees he said that 5 Revenue Clerks have been promoted as Revenue Examiners,

3 have been promoted from Revenue Examiner to Revenue Superintendent, 2 have been promoted from Driver Grade-II to Grade-I, 2 have been promoted from Driver Grade-I to Schaeffer. Also, 11 I/c Junior Assistants have been confirmed as Junior Assistants, 49 Daily Rated Workers of have

been regularised, 33 Junior Assistants have been promoted as Senior Assistants while One person has been promoted from Senior Assistant to Head Assistant. The MD also said that various issues such as regularization orders of the PDL/TDL whose DPCs stands already done and opening up of the NIC

portal for registering the left out need based workers on the portal for the purpose of drawl of salary shall also be taken up expeditiously as the administration is serious about resolving all the genuine grievances of the Power Employees and all steps shall be taken in future also to sort out the burning issues.

Modi Govt's decision of extinguishing Amar Jawan Jyoti is a sin, insult to martyrs: Congress

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has castigated the Modi Govt for extinguishing the eternal Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate after fifty years of its installation in the memories of those 3843 war heroes who led nation to unparallel victory in 1971 war. JKPC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said that the Amar Jawan Jyoti was not only symbol of the sacrifices and valour of our jawans under an able command of Field Marshall Manikshah and several others and dynamic leadership of the country led by Indira Gandhi but also the supreme symbol of the pride of the nation for the crushing defeat of Pakistan, surrender of around 93000 pak forces and creation of Bangladesh. It was installed and kindled by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on 26th Jan, 1972 and since then it continued to salute the great martyrs of our great nation but most unfortunately it is being extinguished today and merged, thus extinguishing that the honour, dignity and the identity of the marvellous and unparallel victory of the nation. Taking strong objection to the arbitrary actions of the Modi Govt, JK Congress has termed it most unwise and unfortunate decision.

## Arrest of ‘Social Media Terrorist’ from Anantnag is just beginning, all his associates are yet to be booked: Dr Darakhshan

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chairperson Waqf Development Committee of Union Ministry of Minority Affairs & National Executive Member of BJP Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Saturday visited Markazi Jamia Masjid Complex at Talab Khattika in Jammu and reviewed the progress in the construction process undergoing there with the help of Waqf assistance. Dr Andrabi was accompanied by Chief Executive Officer of J&K Waqf Dr Jahangir, Administrator of the Jamia Masjid Mudasar Wani & Senior Journalist & Social Activist Suhail Kazmi. Dr Andrabi inspected the on-going development works and discussed the management of funds & future plans to develop the complex as a National Level Religious Tourism Centre in Jammu. CEO Dr Jahangir apprised her about the progress of work & the requirements to undertake the proposed projects. Speaking on the occasion Dr Darakhshan Andrabi thanked the administration for taking up the development project so nicely despite the shortage



Chairperson WDC, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi talking to reporters at Jammu.

of funds. She assured that the Central Waqf Council will consider & approve the no-interest loan for developing the project as needed. She also assured that she will be taking up the development projects with the J&K Tourism Department for their development assistance so that this site is developed as a Mega Religious Tourism Centre in Jammu. Dr Darakhshan appealed to the Business community & the economically well off citizens also to come forward to donate for this noble cause. She instructed that the management of accounts of the Complex be made hundred percent digital so that transparency of funds utilization is assured. She also emphasized on the need to maintain the

cleanliness of the whole area so that it becomes a place of attraction for all to visit. Speaking on the occasion, Suhail Kazmi said that Dr Andrabi's vision of developing this complex as a multi-dimensional Religious Center is praiseworthy and it was the responsibility of all the public to come forward and donate for the noble cause. Replying the question about the arrest of the kingpin of the online campaign against the educated girls of J&K when the issue was raised by her with the Lt Governor, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that she was approached by many parents, teachers & girls who were feeling devastated by the campaign, and she was also shocked to learn about it

and without any delay she requested the Lt Governor who instructed the police to act and Police acted swiftly to nab the kingpin from Anantnag yesterday. But the case is not solved as yet. All those who have been sharing the posts, making indecent, criminal comments need to be arrested and booked under the stringent laws. "For the past three decades, we have allowed this nonsense to exist and flourish in J&K, but now no such organized social subversion can be allowed anymore," said Dr Darakhshan. She said that the Cyber Cell of J&K Police is still not working as expected and I appeal to the Police authorities to take a call at the earliest to re-activate the Cyber Cell of J&K Police. "It is just one scandal under the scanner of law, there are many more such platforms which still propagate hate, propagate non-sense here and there on social media which hurts the very basic inclusive social structure, gender equality, communal harmony & national security and the law enforcing agencies need to take a call, sooner the better," said Chairperson WDC.



## ADGP reviews security arrangements ahead of Republic Day



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh reviewing security arrangements for Republic Day.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police, Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh on Saturday reviewed the security arrangements for the upcoming Republic Day and directed officers to erect checking points at select places and intensify patrolling at highways and in border villages, an official spokesperson said. The meeting was attended by Jammu-based officers of police, CID, security forces, Central Armed Police Forces and intelligence agencies, the police spokesperson said. The main Republic Day function will be held at M A Stadium here and Lt Governor Manoj Sinha will take the salute and inspect the march past. Security arrangements in and around the venue have already been made. The arrangements that shall be made on the day of the Republic Day function on

January 26 at the stadium were reviewed during the meeting, the spokesperson said. He said the ADGP stressed the need for proper and intensive foot patrolling and surveillance in areas in and around the stadium and regular checking of hotels and other lodgements besides joint checking at select places in border areas so that anti-national and anti-social elements trying to sneak into the city are intercepted well in time. On the border management front, Singh asked the officers to erect checking points at all the possible infiltration routes and at roads originating from border areas. The ADGP also called for the intensification of night patrolling on national highways and said any infiltration-related inputs should be shared with all the concerned agencies in real time. "All border police stations

and police posts, village defence committees should be strengthened and proper briefing should be given to them by supervisory offices regarding nature/importance of duties to be performed by them," Singh said. The ADGP also stressed the need for timely intelligence collection and sharing, proper coordination among all the agencies including Army, paramilitary forces, traffic and security wings in their respective areas of jurisdiction for the smooth conduct of the Republic Day event, the spokesperson said.

### Lt Governor pays homage to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has paid tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on the eve of Netaji's Jannu-Jayanti. 23rd January is observed as "Parakram Divas" to commemorate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In a message, the Lt Governor remembered Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service to the nation. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is the true icon of patriotism, courage, selfless service, discipline, earthly wisdom, simplicity, and iron will. We are indebted to Netaji for his resilience against the British colonial rule, and for his monumental role in the Indian freedom struggle. Young generation should revisit Netaji's legacy and remember his unparalleled contribution to the nation. We must work together towards realizing his dream of strong and Aatm-Nirbhar Bharat, said the Lt Governor. The youth of the country must follow the universal and eternal values that he stood for: His life and teachings will continue to be relevant for the generations to come, the Lt Governor observed.

## Mubarak Mandi Complex victim of Kashmir-centric Govts: Sham

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Convener BJP Trade and Industries Cell, BJP J&K, Sham Lal Langar, on Saturday alleged that famous Mubarak Mandi's restoration and renovation project faced discrimination by the Kashmir-centric governments in the erstwhile State with people sitting at helm neglecting this precious legacy of the Duggarland. In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader posed undaunted faith in the working of LG Manoj Sinha and he asserted that like many other languishing projects, the LG's Administration will also complete the work of Mubarak Mandi Complex which is testimony to the rich heritage of the Dogras but was facing the highest order neglect at the hands of political class which was hell-bent to decimate the cultural heritage of Valiant Dogras who ruled the erstwhile J&K region for hundreds of years. "It is really irony of the Dogras that their rich cultural heritage has been a victim of Kashmir centric governance in

the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir", he said and accused the successive governments of having no intention and will to complete the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Project. Sham Langar alleged that under a well knit plan, the Kashmir centric leadership vandalized the royal structures for seventy years to finish the footprints of Dogras not only from the valley but even from the heart of Jammu City where almost 400 years old royal structure popularly known as Mubarak Mandi stands in shambles with just cosmetic facelift on front elevation that does not match the enormity of funds provided for this heritage project. He said that there is dire need to preserve the aforesaid complex for the progeny. The senior BJP leader appealed to LG Sinha to expedite the work on the restoration and renovation of the aforesaid palaces and other buildings to ensure that the rich heritage of Dogras continues to inspire the people in J&K by showcasing the grandiose past of the region.

## 179 fresh cases of COVID recorded in Ladakh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: Ladakh reported 179 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the overall caseload in the Union Territory to 24,213 and active cases to 1,101, officials said on Saturday. Leh district reported 112 positive cases while the rest 67 came from Kargil district, they said. According to the officials, no COVID deaths were reported in the previous day and the death toll remained unchanged at 222 with 164 fatalities in Leh and 58 in Kargil. Eight-five patients were discharged from hospitals in Leh and 40 in Kargil after undergoing successful treatment, taking the number of recovered cases in Ladakh to 22,890. Of the active cases, 898 are under treatment in Leh and 203 in Kargil, the officials said. They said the total positivity rate of Ladakh stands at 3.9 per cent.

## Gang busted: 21 arrested for OHE copper wire theft

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The Government Railway Police Kashmir/ Railway Protection Force (GRPK/RPF) on Saturday busted Gang of criminals involved in OHE Copper Wire theft by arresting 21 accused persons. The accused were involved in robbing OHE copper wire being installed by railway authorities through M/S R.S. Infra private limited company from Baramulla to Banihal. While the job of the installation of wire was being carried out by the said agency it was reported by the said company that during night hours, unknown thieves have committed theft of OHE copper wire/ attempts to theft in Sopore, Pattan, Budgam, Srinagar and Bijbehara areas. On the basis of the written reports received from

the M/S R.S. Infra projects private limited company, 09 FIR cases (04 in year, 2021 and 05 in year, 2022) were registered in GRPS of Baramulla/ Hamaray/ Srinagar and Anantnag and investigation set into motion. To work out the case, SSP GRPK constituted 03 separate teams Sub Division wise led by the concerned SIOs and supervised by the concerned SDPOs. The teams after strenuous/ hectic efforts cracked/solved the theft cases by arresting 21 accused persons involved in the commission of crime. The stolen property of OHE wire 388 Kgs, worth Rs. 3,56,572 was also recovered from them, weapon of offences including cutter, Hexa blades, Gloves and ropes along with 04 load carriers utilized for the transportation of stolen property were also seized.

## Chairman JKSSB reviews conduct of forthcoming exams for various posts

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Chairman, Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) on Saturday held a review meeting for conduct of various forthcoming examinations scheduled by JKSSB. The meeting was informed that the JKSSB has notified tentative dates for conduct of various examination in the month of January and February, 2022. However, the JKSSB has received requests from a large number of candidates for revising the schedule of examinations in view of the continued Cold Weather conditions, imposition restrictions from Friday 2:00 pm till Monday 6:00 am for COVID containment, across all districts in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir etc. The Board examined the matter in light of the prevailing circumstances and decided to schedule various examinations(OMR/CBT) after 20th February, 2022. However, a detailed date sheet / post wise schedule of examinations shall be notified separately for information of the candidates in due course. The candidates are advised to keep visiting the official website of the Board for official/ authentic updates regarding various activities being undertaken by the JKSSB. The meeting was attended by Mohammad Shafiq Chak, Nazir Ahmad Khwaja, Pritam Lal Atri, Harvinder Kour; Ashiq Hussain Lily, Neelam Kumari, Narayan Dutt Members of JKSSB, Ashok Kumar, Controller of Examinations, Hilal Ahmad Mir Deputy Secretary, JKSSB and Altaf Hussain Bhat Administrative Officer JKSSB, Kashmir.

# Budget 2022-23: Sharma asks FM to give special package to J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Spokesperson BJP UT JK, Y V Sharma held an interactive session with prominent businessmen, industrialists and large section of people from all walks of life to get their feedback about the general situation in the wake of spike in the cases of coronavirus especially those of the omicron variant and their expectations from the budget for the year 2022 to 23. Summing up their reactions, Sharma said in a press release that majority of the people blamed the Kashmir-based politicians who were holding the reigns of power during the last so many years, for the present woes of Jammu region. According to them, Sharma said, Kashmir-based politicians blatant discrimination with the region did not develop the infrastructure of the region in medical, educational, tourism and industrial fields as compared to those in Kashmir and they ignored the Jammu region in general administration as well as governance. The trend is still continuing to some extent, they claimed.

They also complained of bureaucratic indifference, lack of accessibility to the Higher Ups and indifferent attitude of the administration in general. However, they were all praise for the dedicated work done by the corona warriors especially the medical workers, the police force and others who did exceptionally wonderful work in massive vaccination programme and saving the lives of the people at the cost of their own comforts. They also appreciated the untiring efforts of Manoj Sinha the Lieutenant Governor of the UT as well as the generous support of the central government headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this respect, Sharma said. Regarding the expectations from the budget 2022-23, Sharma appealed to the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to give special package to the region in view of its geographical and strategic position, the great loss incurred due to the closing down of many industrial and small scale units and huge losses suffered by various businesses

during the second wave of COVID 19, large-scale loss of jobs and unemployment especially of educated youth and the underprivileged sections of society, the inflation, the accumulation of interest on loans and debts, the cumulative electricity bills of the struggling/ closed and sick industrial units, some stringent and draconian laws and notifications cancelling the lands allotted to industrial units, acquiring residential premises for developmental works, spreading panic and insecurity among the industrialists and the people in general. All such rules, notifications and orders should be withdrawn forthwith, said Sharma. In order to revive the economy of the Jammu region, Sharma also pinpointed the enhancement of facilities for warehouse, new markets and trading centres. He explained that the present warehouse at Jammu which was developed years back in 1957 is overcrowded, congested, and quite insufficient and lacked in ultramodern facilities for a healthy and efficient trade. A new warehouse at Jammu with land

area at least 50 times more than that of the present warehouse is the need of the hour, he said adding that more markets and business centres are essential throughout the region so that young entrepreneurs who are being trained under the skill India and startup projects can set up their units and provide employment to the unemployed youth and unskilled labour force. They must also be provided with sufficient incentives, subsidies and loans and easy terms and market support for their products, he said adding that new industrial state should also be established throughout the region. Under the smart city projects for Jammu sufficient new small sector locations should be established for providing employment to the people, he said adding that the transport Nagar in Jammu requires complete Macmization for efficient functioning and proper maintenance of hygienic conditions. Further expansion and better management should be ensured. To boost the tourism sector all the

ongoing projects should be expedited and long delayed projects like river Tawi front, and artificial lake project should be completed very soon. Patnitop, Sanasar, Nathatop and the adjoining areas should be developed as winter sports sites on war footing, he said. New tourism spots in Jammu should be developed with entertainment facilities and eat points. Tourist circuits with modern facilities should be developed for religious tourism for the pilgrims of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine. In the medical field, Sharma opined that all facilities needed with ultra modern infrastructure and specialist doctors should be made available throughout the region and it should be ensured that every patient gets best facilities locally and no patient should go out of the region for such facilities. Super speciality hospital should be updated and made fully functional at full capacity. Best facilities for primary, secondary and higher education should be made available throughout the region to bring about speedily the all-round development of the region.

Sharma assured the people of the region that the present administration of the UT and the BJP party under the matured leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is seized of all these issues. They are working 24x7 to solve all of them in record time. Although some irresponsible elements as well as very high sounding names are issuing wrong, baseless and provocative statements to divert their attention and stall the pace of development and progress. They are bound to fail as they have exposed themselves completely. People of the UT have seen with their own eyes that the situation on the ground has considerably changed after the abrogation of the article 370 and the vested interests and the prophets of doom are dejected and frustrated. They cannot befool the people any longer. People should stay strong, healthy and united and defeat all the vicious designs of the enemies of development. He also appealed to the people to follow all the precautions necessitated by the unabated spread of virus throughout the world.

